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IN OTHER TOWNS.

Woodford.
Fred Newell has moved to Stamford. Fred Wood and Miss Worden were married last Sunday.
Miss Lizzie Laurens has visited her sister, Emma Wood several days.
Wm Temple and family have moved into the house with H. B. Potter.
Nellie Knights and Belle Cutler have visited friends in Bennington.
Charles W. Cutler of Bennington has visited relatives in town this week.
Rev. Luther P. Adams and Miss Grace Park were married in Boston April 6.
Mr. Knapp is making some improvements on the interior of his Mt. Pleasant House.
Master Johnnie has spent the week with his aunt, Eliza Bowles, at the lumber camp on the Searsburg line.
Monday morning thermometers indicated 18 degrees. There is a raw air still, but we may be happy yet.
The Rooney brothers, James and Edward of the "East end" are attending the "city" school.
Several from Woodford attended the Della Fox entertainment at Bennington Wednesday evening.
The electric car, etc. auction did not come off Tuesday, but was postponed until the 24th of this month.
Mildred Gleason was the recipient of a gold watch her birthday, presented by her Uncle Daniel, the postmaster.

We were in error last week in saying that Miss Shippee of Searsburg would teach in the Hollow. Miss Mary Hyde of Bennington will teach there.
A fine rain set in Wednesday morning and for an hour or two sprinkled bandoleers, but at noon it snowed like the "dickens," and everybody said, "let'er come!"

Already we hear the peep of spring chickens. When the little peepers notice the snow banks they scamper back and hover beneath their mother's wings!

It was quite blizzardy last Sunday and about three and a half inches of snow fell—just half the amount that Doctor Day records in his Bennington correspondence to The Troy Daily Times. Evidently some one misinformed the doctor.

Probably over three hundred dollars have been sent to the Larkin Company, Buffalo, N. Y., for their soaps from Woodford City. If so much business, according to population, should go from every town in the United States, it would seem as if the firm would require an acreage for their plant as large as the state of Vermont.

Wm. Campbell, whose death occurred at Bennington last Saturday, spent last summer in Woodford and arranged to be buried there for him to do so next summer. While here Mr. Campbell was a liberal contributor to the Union church.

The 9th of April never goes by without Woodford "vets" speaking of Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, and the "boys" have been known to "celebrate" a little on that day in a quiet little way of their own. Well, they were patriotic, to say the least.

While the respected Woodford citizen who so much resembles a physician at North Bennington was in Bennington a while ago a lady hastily accosted him and said, "Doctor, those pills you left for my daughter do not prove to be beneficial, and I wish you would call and—" "But I am not a doctor, you mistake me," replied the Woodford man with a smile. "Oh—ah!" rejoined the lady, as she blushed a little and made a graceful courtesy and walked up the street.

A Thousand Tongues
Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at O. E. Gibson's Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

Sandgate.
Albert Dodge from Pawlet was at Dr. Hoyt's over Sunday.
Robins and spring birds are once more with us.
The listers have nearly completed their first round.
The personal property of the late William Watt is to be sold at auction in the near future.
Mrs. Nathaniel Conkey is suffering from an acute attack of pneumonia.
The Rev. W. R. Ryder has gone to conference the present week.
Eos Sheldon from Rupert has been hired to teach the school in district number 8, the summer term.
George Brayson and family have moved and are living in the "Hannah Covey" house.
At the land tax sale on the 8th, R. B. Randall bid off the Daniel Hays farm.
Herbert Bentley is out of town, in New York state on his annual trip, shearing sheep.
George Snyder has gone to Wilmington to work on a wood job, chopping.
Miss Emma Randall is home from her school in Cambridge, N. Y., on a vacation.
At a meeting of the Methodist official board, E. F. Hoyt was elected secretary, and Mrs. R. B. Randall treasurer.

To the Public.
Knowing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be medicine of great worth and merit and especially valuable for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, we will hereafter warrant every bottle bought of us and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of a 25 or 50 cent bottle. O. E. Gibson, Druggist.

South Shaftsbury.

The mud is drying up in most parts of the village.
Milk is being brought into the creamery this week.
Rev. G. H. Robbins went to Burlington on Tuesday.
Seth Taft will move in where Frank Madison vacated.
Milo Pierce made a business trip to Danby one day this week.
Edwin Hawkins is not able to be out yet, but is not critically ill.
Miss Florence Barleson is teaching in the "Snow district" in East Shaftsbury.
Mrs. Robbins and her daughter, Mrs. S. E. Hawkins were out of town on Wednesday.
Some needed repairs will be put on the parsonage during the absence of the pastor.
Miss Cordelia Spencer has visited town the past week or two; she is residing at Valley Falls.
G. S. Matison was about in his official capacity on Monday of this week, he being one of the town listers.
Miss McCormick of West Rutland arrived in town Monday, and has taken a school in the west part of the town, known as "Shaftsbury Hollow."
Rev. Mr. Steele's reception, considering the weather and almost impassable roads, was well attended. About 70 friends gathered. Refreshments were served during the evening.
David F. Lewis' condition does not improve. He is being kindly cared for in his declining days. Mr. and Mrs. Bradish are both on the invalid list themselves, yet are untiring for his comfort.
Ernest Parker, who was so severely injured last week, is doing as well as can be expected. His attending physician thinks his hand will be as good as ever in time.
Mrs. C. R. Hawkins expects to visit her sister, Miss Susan D. Monroe, Friday, who is at the Samaritan hospital, Troy. So far Miss Monroe is satisfied with her choice of occupation and is proving very efficient in her new work.

Several from here were in attendance at the "Kettle of Fish," and also to see Della Fox in her role on Wednesday evening. Enough went from here to the latter, to get the midnight sleeper to stop for them.
Business seems to be on the increase still at the Eagle Square Company's works, from the appearance of the men that pour out of the building at the sound of the whistle.
More new books: The Virginians, Thackeray; Standish, a story of the Pilgrims, Jane G. Austin; By Pike and Dyke, Henry; Treasure Island, R. L. Stevenson; Bird World, J. H. Stacey; How to Know Wild Flowers, Mrs. Dana; Farthest North, Nansen; Red Rock, T. Nelson Page.

The primary department of this school was the recipient of a framed picture of Abraham Lincoln from Rev. Mr. Steele, town superintendent. Any of the families there represented, who have McClure's magazine will at once recognize the same picture, and be able to find his age at that time, there being a considerable sketch of his life.
There will be no preaching service on Sunday. Sunday school and class meeting at 12 o'clock. Class meeting on Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening. On Sunday evening there will be a missionary concert. The choir will render some of the music for the evening. Mrs. S. Mirfield will conduct the service. There will be some readings, recitations and singing by the "Junior Epworths."

That Throbbing Headache.
Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by O. E. Gibson Druggist.

Dorset.
Miss Jessie Sheldon entertained a large company of friends on Thursday evening, the thirteenth, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edmund Roberts.
The farmers this way are busy making sugar, although no great amount is being made. The snow is fast disappearing and in places the roads are getting settled.
Mrs. J. L. Obermaier read her paper on "Christian Endeavor Helps," which she prepared for the Bennington county convention, before the Christian Endeavor Society Sunday evening.
The Sons of Veterans invite the people of Dorset and their friends to a "peanut social" which they have arranged for Thursday evening, the twentieth. It is hoped there may be a large attendance.
The literary entertainment and social given by the Grange last week was well attended. Mr. Simons sang two solos finely and his recitation, "King Robert of Sicily" was appreciated by all. Mr. Lee from Burr and Burton Seminary also recited and Mr. McWayne spoke of camp life during the Spanish-American war.
An exchange has recently been made in home dwellings between J. H. L. Dodge living on the road leading to the Hollow and George Wade, who resides in the village. M. B. Paddock recently purchased Mr. Dodge's farm for Miss G. M. Nottbeck of New York City.

"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be sufficient, but you ask, who are the wise? Those who know. The oft repeated experience of trustworthy persons may be taken for knowledge. Mr. W. M. Terry says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy gives better satisfaction than any other in the market.
He has been in the drug business at Elkton, Ky., for twelve years; has sold hundreds of bottles of this remedy and nearly all other cough medicines manufactured, which shows conclusively that Chamberlain's is the most satisfactory to the people, and is the best. For sale by O. E. Gibson, Druggist.

Manchester Centre.

John Bourn of Manchester Depot has moved into the house vacated by Edward Starks.
There were four confirmed at the Zion church Tuesday evening.
The listers are at work in the drug store helping inventory.
Frederic Connor of Manchester Depot is at work for Pettibone & Co.
Thos. H. Lidgwood is spending a few days with friends in New York City.
A number of students from this village commenced the spring term at the Seminary, Tuesday.
Miss Edith Barrett has returned to Middlebury College.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which led me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children.—W. A. Stroud, Popponok City, Md. For sale by O. E. Gibson, Druggist.

North Dorset.
John Curtis, an old and highly esteemed citizen died at his home Monday morning, after a brief illness. Mr. Curtis was born at North Dorset December 24, 1819, at which place he resided nearly all his life. He often said he enjoyed perfect health until he was 75 years of age. He was a son of Daniel Curtis, who was widely known as "Uncle Dan." With the class of 1847, Mr. Curtis received the degree of A. B. from the University of Vermont, and three years later the degree of A. M. was conferred on him. He was a senator in 1884. He was a man of unusual intelligence and sociability, being of an inventive turn of mind. Mr. Curtis is said to have been the original inventor of the electric telegraph, but for want of means he was unable to complete the invention and Morse claims the honors. He was twice married. His first wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Cochran, was killed by the cars only a short time after their marriage. He next married Nancy M. Marshall of Troy, N. Y., two children being born by this marriage. Mrs. Merritt O. Row of Troy, N. Y., and John D. Curtis of New York City, who was the widow survive him. He was a kind husband, an indulgent father, and a good neighbor. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His funeral was held at his late residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, April 12. Rev. Mr. Lalamer of Manchester Centre officiating. The display of flowers was very fine, consisting of two pillars with the word "Father," palms, wreaths, bouquets, etc.

Robbed the Grave.
A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually to back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Balm,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at O. E. Gibson's Drug Store.

Hoosick Falls.
The Current Events Club will meet with Mrs. Harriet Stroud, Church street, next Monday evening. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, poet, will be discussed.
A notice of claim has been filed with President Murphy and Clerk McNamara for \$200.97, alleged salary due Lawrence E. Buckley for services as sewer inspector.
The Hoosick Falls Driving Park and Fair association will hold the first race of the season, Decoration day. The 2:40 and 2:24 classes will be represented. Entries close May 10.
The Pastime social club will hold a dance in Holme's hall, April 28.
The Postal Telegraph Company expects to open an office in the electric light and power building, soon.

Rheumatism Cured.
My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household use for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. Cuyler, Red Creek, N. Y.
Mr. Cuyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men in this vicinity.—W. G. Phippin, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by O. E. Gibson, Druggist.

BUSINESS LOCALS.
FREE.
A stylish 25c will be given to every lady buying goods to the value of \$4, at the store of Miss C. S. Keyes, on Saturday, April 15.
Building Lots.
I am offering Building Lots on Depot, Hunt, County, and North Streets, at a very reasonable price to parties who wish to build homes for themselves.
John S. Holden.
Card of Thanks.
Mrs. William Campbell and relatives desire to express appreciation and gratitude to all who so kindly rendered assistance by way of music, floral tributes or any other act showing tender sympathy in their recent bereavement.
A Wonderful Success.
Why not be independent of Gas and Electric Light Companies and use the National Acetylene Gas Machine which has the full approval of the New England Underwriters. Over 800 machines sold in the past ten months. We light country homes, churches, stores, factories and hotels, fifty per cent cheaper than any other illuminant, also put in plants for lighting towns. We want good representatives. Write for circular to Buffalo National Acetylene Gas Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

CRADLE OF REVOLTS.

WHY BLUEFIELDS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A POLITICAL TINDER BOX.

The Mosquito Coast Capital, Which Is Destined to Become a Great Port When the Nicaragua Canal Is Opened—England's Little Scheme.

Bluefields, which has recently been the scene of another revolution, lively enough to call for the presence of two American warships, is prolific in this variety of disturbance. What Medicine Hat is to the blizzard, Bluefields is to the revolution. It is a cradle of rebellions.

Bluefields is the capital of the Mosquito Coast, a strip of land under the control of Nicaragua, on which live the Mosquito Indians, remnants of a once powerful nation of original Central Americans. This reservation is of somewhat indefinite extent, but is generally reckoned as about 235 miles long. Its width is still more uncertain.

But the thing which makes Bluefields so important, is the fact that it is so near to Greytown, which is to be the Atlantic entrance to the Nicaragua canal. In the numerous revolutions both Greytown and Bluefields have been the headquarters of the contestants. England always keeps a cruiser or two in these waters and has had a habit of landing marines on the slightest provocation. Now, Uncle Sam does not care to have British marines holding forth quite so close to the gate to the Nicaragua canal, and thus this particular point of Central American coast has often been the subject for international discussion.

General Reyes, who headed the recent revolt, was in command of the whole of Nicaragua's Atlantic coast line. He enjoyed the complete confidence of President Zelaya and had control of the entire Nicaraguan army (100 men), and the whole Nicaraguan navy (one tug, unnamed).

The Nicaraguan soldier is generally a native, a descendant of the early Spaniards and the aborigines. He is usually dressed in a striped cotton blouse, trousers of the same material and pattern and a straw hat. He is armed with a musket of antiquated pattern, with a fixed bayonet. To prevent tearing of his blouse, he knocks the sight off his gun, and at the command of "fire" he shuts his eyes and blazes away. There are no marksmen or sharpshooters in the Nicaraguan army.

In his belt he carries a machete. He always goes barefoot. No officer under the rank of major is ever seen with a pair of shoes matched and fully laced. On dress occasions a colonel sports a pair of boots, while the rank of general is indicated by cavalry boots with tremendous spurs.

Bluefields, the headquarters of General Reyes, is a charming town of about 2,500 inhabitants, chiefly composed of natives, Jamaica negroes, several hundred Chinese and a sprinkling of British, German and American traders. It is the seat of the banana industry of Nicaragua and the base of supplies for the lumbermen exploring the forests adjacent to the streams flowing into the estuary on which the town is located, and for the miners now working the rich gold placers of the Prinzapula, Wawa, Coco and other rivers to the north.

The area of the reservation is variously estimated at from 15,000 to 36,000 square miles. Its inhabitants, numbering about 10,000, are mostly aboriginal Indians, whose chief claims himself king of Mosquito.

The reservation and its inhabitants were under English protection until 1850, when it was ceded to Honduras, which in 1860 handed it over to Nicaragua, which is actually bent on keeping it. The last king of Mosquito was Clarence, an amiable young man, who was deposed about four years ago by the Nicaraguans. Clarence was taken away from Bluefields on a British man-of-war to Kingston, Jamaica, where he is now being educated at the expense of the British government and is in receipt of a liberal allowance. It is believed that it is the intention of Great Britain to place him on the throne at the first favorable opportunity, which the present revolution may afford.

This reservation is covered with vast forests, yielding excellent timber, fine cabinet woods, mahogany and rosewood, dyewoods and many medicinal trees. In the mountains gold, silver and other metals are found, and coal, marble and alabaster, sulphur, alum and other minerals are abundant. The rich resources of this reservation are undeveloped. Banana, coca, rubber and other trees flourish luxuriantly.

The town of Bluefields will be the entrepot for this vast commerce when the canal is built—the completion of which will have a tendency to secure in Nicaragua a stable form of government—and the neglected and rich industries of the country are properly developed.

HARBOR OF BLUEFIELDS.
The harbor of Bluefields is a beautiful one, and is the only one of its kind in the West Indies. It is a natural harbor, and is the only one of its kind in the West Indies. It is a natural harbor, and is the only one of its kind in the West Indies.

QUEEN OF ZENDA.
The Pretty Actress Who Has Won the Love of Anthony Hope.
Miss Evelyn Millard, the pretty actress who is said to be engaged to be married to Anthony Hope Hawkins, the novelist, is the creator of the part of Lady Urelda, which is the title role of Mr. Hawkins' successful play.

Gossip has long been busy with these two interesting persons. That he was severely smitten with the charms of Miss Millard almost everybody knew. It is said that when he offered himself to her she told him to give her a month to consider the proposition. At the end of the stipulated time she promised she would let him know what decision she had come to. Now the answer she gave her lover is not yet definitely known, but there seems no doubt in certain minds that it was affirmative; at least the inevitable story of the engagement is again afloat.

Miss Millard is the daughter of a professor of elocution who has been connected with the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music. She was carefully educated for the stage and won success rapidly. She made her debut about four years ago in George Alexander's revival of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," and in the title role. She has played several leading parts in Alexander's plays. When "The Prisoner of Zenda" was produced, Mr. Hope superintended the stage work, and it was he who selected Miss Millard to play the leading role. She succeeded so well that the author's admiration quickly turned into the deeper affection. Mr. Hope is 35 years old and rich.

BORN.

In Sodom, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kipp. In Bennington, April 12, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton P. Smith.

DIED.

In Worcester, Mass., Amanda Janette, wife of Henry Ney, aged 73 years 4 months and 4 days.
In Bennington, April 12, Louise Nido, wife of Henry Fales, aged 50 years.
In Cohoes, N. Y., April 12, Mrs. Bridget Baughn, aged 75 years.
In Pittsfield, Mass., John J. Collins.
In Clarksville, Mass., Chas. W. Swan.

Special School Meeting

The legal voters of the Bennington Graded School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at Graded School Hall, in said District, on Friday, April 21st, 1899, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to transact the following business:

1st. To see if said District will authorize the Board of Trustees of said District to borrow money to pay its present outstanding indebtedness; and if so to determine at what rate of interest, and in what manner the principal and interest shall be paid.

2nd. Whereas at the Annual School Meeting held in Graded School Hall, on Tuesday, March 27th, 1898, the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved: That the matter of enlarging the windows be referred to the trustees with instructions that they experiment upon lighting the rooms by lightening the walls; and obtaining specifications as to manner and cost of enlarging windows, but not to overhaul the building or destroy its structure without instructions from the voters, at a special meeting called for that purpose. And:

Resolved: That the matter of heating and ventilating main school building be left to the Trustees to investigate and report at some subsequent meeting of the District to be called for that purpose.

To hear the report of the Board of Trustees under the foregoing resolutions, and to take action thereon.

3rd. To see what sum, if any, said District will authorize its Board of Trustees to expend in lighting, heating and ventilating main school building.

4th. To transact any other proper business found necessary when met.

Bennington, Vermont, April 12th, 1899.
DANIEL A. GUILTINAN, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
First National Bank at Bennington, in the State of Vermont, at the close of business, Apr. 30th, 1899.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts.....\$468,081.12
Overdrafts secured and unsecured.....681.91
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....110,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc.....27,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....5,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents.....22,349.63
Notes of other National Banks.....1,055.00
Fractional paper currency, nickel and cent.....43.03
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK VIZ:
Specie.....21,226.90
Legal-tender notes.....12,450.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent of circulation).....4,360.00
Total.....674,850.79

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in.....110,000.00
Surplus fund.....22,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....70,800.00
National bank notes outstanding.....27,000.00
Due to other National Banks.....15,901.06
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....363.04
Individual deposits subject to check.....21,982.68
Demand certificates of deposit.....85,622.44
Cashier's checks outstanding.....5,080.28
Total.....674,850.79

STATE OF VERMONT, ss: J. GEO. F. GRAVES, County of Bennington ss.: President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. F. GRAVES, President.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April, 1899.
HOMER H. WEBSTER, Notary Public.
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